

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, and offered prizes to counties and individuals that properly planted the largest number of trees. More than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is an annual observance celebrated throughout the world which reflects hope for the future generations in that the simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow which will clean the air, beautify our neighborhoods, provide wildlife habitat, erosion control and shelter from the wind and sun; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City help boost property values, lower crime rates and reduce air conditioning needs and costs if planted correctly around buildings. Researchers have documented that homes with street trees sold for more than homes without street trees, are appreciated more, and have sold quicker. Trees can also be a stimulus to spiking economic development, attracting new business and tourism community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN T. NOBLE, Mayor of the City of Kingston, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Kingston.

In witness whereof, I hereby set and cause to be affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Kingston.

Apríl 30, 2021

Steven T. Noble Mayor